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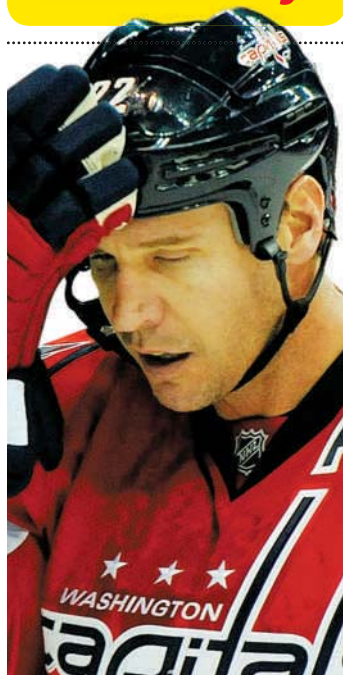


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SCENE OF THE CRIME

Call It 'Burglar's Remorse'

Police in Houma, La., say two alleged burglars were arrested after returning to apologize to their victim. The Courier reports that 50-year-old William Poindexter and 48-year-old Ernest Mart were taking a car radio from an SUV early Monday when the owner saw them. They fled with cologne and two cell phone chargers. Poindexter and Mart, who uses a wheelchair, returned later Monday to the woman's house to apologize. Her father chased them, and they were later caught by police. (AP)

PLAYING WITH DOLLS

In Retaliation, They Destroy Her House in 'Joke' Hurricane

Police say what a Springfield, Ohio, family thought was a gunman on their front porch turned out to be a dummy with a toy gun. On Sunday evening, the family saw a person on the porch with a rifle. Deputies moved in and found the mannequin. Tammy Moore, 46, is charged with inducing panic. Investigators say she told them she and the homeowner often play jokes on each other. (AP)

OMNIVORACIOUS

It Had Peanut Butter on It

One dog is lucky to be alive after he swallowed a spoon. Laurie Neomany of Annapolis, Md., noticed last week that her beloved Labrador retriever, Vincent, wasn't eating and took him to the veterinarian. A 7-inch tablespoon had lodged in Vincent's stomach and perforated it. Neomany says she may wear the retrieved spoon as a pendant. (AP)

The Big Picture



RING OF FIRE: A fire dancer performs in an annual Buddhist procession in Kelaniya, Sri Lanka, on Sunday. The procession, held on the full moon day in January, commemorates the visit of Lord Buddha to the temple there. Hundreds of traditional dancers, decorated elephants and monks participate in the celebration. (AP)

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Why S.C. Matters More Than N.H.

A Romney primary win effectively ends GOP nominee fight

Washington

New Hampshire's presidential primary may be the news of the day, but talk to any Republican strategist and it's clear that the Granite State vote is only the appetizer to South Carolina's main course in 11 days.

The South Carolina primary, which is set for Jan. 21, has long been circled on the calendars of political junkies everywhere for two big reasons: (1) The state has voted for the man who has gone on to win the Republican nomination in every primary since 1980 and (2) The state has a history of — how should we put this? — contentious campaigns. (Think John McCain versus George W. Bush in 2000.)

Put simply: The Republican primary race will come to a fork in the road in South Carolina. A win by former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney in the Palmetto State effectively ends the GOP



South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, right, applauds as Mitt Romney speaks during a campaign event Friday in Conway, S.C. That state's primary will be on Jan. 21.



'Don't Let Sleeves Slow You Down'

Act now and you too can get your very own Rick Santorum sweater vest. The former Pennsylvania senator's campaign is offering "Rick Santorum For President"

100 percent cotton sweater vests to supporters who contribute \$100 or more before Jan. 11.

"Don't let sleeves slow you down — donate today!" the pitch on Santorum's campaign Web site reads. (TWP)

nomination fight. A loss by Romney likely means a protracted primary fight that continues through Super Tuesday on March 6.

Conversations with South Carolina Republican strategists suggests the former path is the most likely at the moment. "Romney wins unless something huge happens," said one unaligned operative with deep experience in the state. "South Carolina is the first state that actually believes they are voting for a president and not electing a state party chair or sending a message."

Romney loses South Carolina if either Rick Santorum or Newt Gingrich somehow emerges as the clear choice for conservatives between now and Jan. 21. For that to happen, it's likely that either Santorum or Gingrich would have to implode in a major and high-profile way. CHRIS CILLIZZA

(THE WASHINGTON POST)

Caucus Coverage

The results of Tuesday's New Hampshire caucuses were not available at Express' deadline. Find coverage at washingtonpost.com.

In Brief

WASHINGTON

Fannie Mae CEO to Quit

The executive who was appointed to lead mortgage giant Fannie Mae in 2009 after the federal government seized the company plans to step down as its CEO. Michael J. Williams says he will continue as CEO and as a director until a successor is found. Williams, 53, has been a Fannie employee since 1991. (AP)

WASHINGTON

President Praises 'Vital' EPA Work During Visit

President Obama defended the work of the Environmental Protection Agency on Tuesday, saying it performs a vital role protecting the environment and moving the country toward energy independence. Obama spoke during his first-ever visit to the EPA, seeking to boost morale at the agency. (AP)

ORLANDO, FLA.

FAMU Student's Family To Sue Owner of Bus Line

The parents of Florida A&M band member Robert Champion, who died after a hazing ritual last November, said they will sue the company that owns the bus where the hazing took place. Champion's parents and attorney said Monday that the bus company's negligence contributed to his death. Fabulous Coach Lines owner Ray Land said his staff did everything to get help. (AP)

All in Moderation: Smoking a joint once a week or a bit more apparently doesn't harm the lungs, suggests a study released Tuesday that bolsters evidence that marijuana doesn't do the kind of damage tobacco does. The results in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* didn't define whether damage was done by those who smoke two or more joints daily, because there weren't enough heavy users in the study to draw firm conclusions. (AP)



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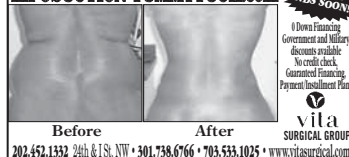
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Can You Say That on TV?

Supreme Court mulls changes to indecency policies by the FCC

Washington

In colorful give-and-take, the Supreme Court debated whether policing curse words and nudity on broadcast television makes sense in the cable era, with one justice suggesting the policy is fast becoming moot as broadcast TV heads the way of "vinyl records and 8-track tapes."

The case involves programming that is available to all viewers free over the air — even though many now receive it through paid cable connections — during hours when children are likely to be watching.

Some justices said they were troubled by inconsistent standards that allowed certain words and displays in some contexts but not in others.



Policing Transmissions

FCC v. Fox Television Stations involves

programming received by antennas on top of a television set, a house or a building. Much of that programming now also is available through cable and satellite connections, but only the over-the-air transmissions are at issue. The networks say the FCC's current policy is too hard to figure out and

penalizes the use of particular words in some instances but not in others. The Obama administration said that even with the explosion of entertainment options, programming remains dominant. It also needs to be kept as a dependable "safe haven" of milder programming, the administration said. (AP)

One example frequently cited by the networks was the Federal Communications Commission's decision not to punish ABC for airing "Saving Private Ryan," with its strong language, while objecting to the same words when uttered by celebrities on live awards shows.

Justice Elena Kagan said the FCC policy was, "Nobody can use dirty words or nudity except Steven Spielberg," director of the World War II movie. Other jus-

tices seemed more open to maintaining the current rules.

Chief Justice John Roberts, the only member of the court with young children, hammered away at that point. "All we are asking for, what the government is asking for, is a few channels where ... they are not going to hear the S-word, the F-word; they are not going to see nudity."

A decision is expected by late June. MARK SHERMAN (AP)

W.Va. Mine Settles Death Suits

Morgantown, W.Va.

A mine company has settled wrongful death lawsuits with families of all 29 victims of West Virginia's Upper Big Branch disaster, an attorney for the estates of two miners said Tuesday.

Virginia-based Alpha Natural Resources did not immediately confirm the agreement or otherwise comment, but attorney Mark Moreland said the final deals were cut Tuesday afternoon after a marathon mediation session. He said Alpha also settled lawsuits by at least seven miners who were injured in the April 2010 blast, the worst U.S. mine disaster in four decades.

Although some lawsuits had

"It's some compensation for a loss that can never be fully compensated."

— **MARK MORELAND**, AN ATTORNEY WHO REPRESENTED THE ESTATES OF TWO MINERS WHO DIED IN THE APRIL 2010 BLAST.

long since been settled, mediation of the final 13 began last week and continued through Tuesday.

Alpha inherited the mine and the lawsuits when it bought Massey Energy last summer. It has since settled several unrelated lawsuits against other Massey operations.

VICKI SMITH (AP)

TECHNOLOGY

Let's Get Personal

Google is sifting through the photos and commentary on its blossoming social network so its Internet search results can include more personal information. The additional personal touches that began to roll out Tuesday mark another step toward one of Google's most ambitious goals. The Internet search leader eventually hopes to know enough about each of its users so it can tailor its results. (AP)



9 The average number of alcoholic drinks young adults have when they get drunk, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Tuesday. That statistic is part of a new report highlighting the dangers of binge drinking, which usually means four to five drinks at a time. (AP)

Panel: Sterilization Victims Should Get \$50K

Payout to up to 2,000 people in N.C. could amount to \$100M

Raleigh, N.C.

As many as 2,000 people forcibly sterilized decades ago in North Carolina should get \$50,000 each, a task force said Tuesday, marking the first time a state has moved to compensate victims of eugenics programs that weeded out the "feeble-minded" and others deemed undesirable.

The payout, which could amount to as much as \$100 million, still needs approval from the Legisla-

ture. But the prospects for passage of some sort of compensation are promising, since the governor immediately embraced the recommendation, and the House speaker has come out in favor of payments.

While dozens of states had programs in the 20th century that allowed people to be sterilized against their will in the name of improving the human race, none of the others have offered anything more than apologies.

Compensation "sends a clear message that we in North Carolina are people who pay for our mistakes and that we do not tolerate bureaucracies that trample on basic human rights," said panel

Backstory

Singled Out

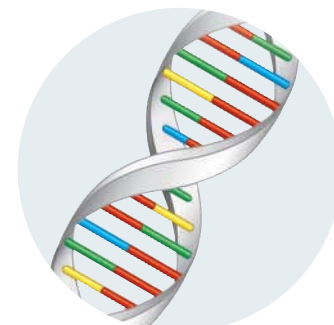
From 1929 to 1974, more than 7,600 people in North Carolina were surgically rendered unable to reproduce under state laws and practices that singled out epileptics and others considered mentally defective. Many were poor, black women deemed unfit to be parents. A report last year said 1,500 to 2,000 of the victims were still alive, though the state has verified only 72 so far. North Carolina is among about a half-dozen states to apologize. (AP)

chairwoman Dr. Laura Gerald, a pediatrician.

On Tuesday, some victims said they were just looking forward to seeing the issue resolved. Elaine Riddick, 57, was sterilized at 14 after she gave birth to a son who was the product of a rape.

"I was a victim twice: once by the rapist and once by the state of North Carolina. Normally, if you commit a crime, you pay for it. They committed the biggest crime. ... They committed a crime against humanity," she said, as she wiped away tears. "And this is all I can do is just accept what they said today and go on with my life."

MARTHA WAGGONER (AP)



ADVANCEMENTS

Your DNA, Decoded

A biotechnology company said it can decode a person's DNA in a day for \$1,000 in a key step toward making a person's genome useful for medical care. Life Technologies Corp. said Tuesday it was taking orders for the technology, which it expects to deliver in about a year. (AP)

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World

In Brief



A protester leaps over a flaming roadblock on Tuesday in Lagos, Nigeria.

LAGOS, NIGERIA

Unrest in Nigeria Rises As Strike Enters 2nd Day

Angry youths put up a burning roadblock outside luxury enclaves in Nigeria's commercial capital Tuesday as a paralyzing national strike over fuel prices and corruption entered its second day. Meanwhile, police said an Islamist sect killed eight people at a beer parlor in northeast Nigeria. (AP)

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

N. Korea Unveils Plans To Pardon Convicts

North Korea said Tuesday it will issue pardons for convicts, a rare move that appeared to be aimed at boosting the popularity of new leader Kim Jong Un as he attempts to fill his late father's shoes. The amnesty, to be issued beginning Feb. 1, will commemorate what would have been Kim Jong Il's 70th birthday in February. (AP)

Defiant Assad Blasts Opponents

Syrian leader blames unrest on 'terrorists,' decries Arab League

Beirut

By turns defiant and threatening, President Bashar Assad vowed Tuesday to use an "iron hand" to crush what he called the terrorists and saboteurs behind Syria's 10-month uprising in which thousands of people have been killed.

In his first speech since June, Assad showed a steely confidence in the face of the uprising, one of the bloodiest of the Arab Spring. But opponents called it a rambling address by a leader who is dangerously out of touch.

Assad repeated his past claims that a foreign conspiracy and terrorists are driving the revolt, not peaceful protesters seeking to reform the country.

"Our priority now is to regain the security we basked in for decades, and this can only be achieved by hitting the terrorists with an iron hand," Assad said in a Damascus University confer-



Syrian President Bashar Assad speaks in Damascus on Tuesday, his fourth public speech since anti-government protests began roiling the country in March.

ence hall packed with cheering supporters. He also issued a veiled threat against those who have yet to choose sides.

"Those who stand in the middle are traitors," Assad said, flanked by Syrian flags. "There is no alternative."

Assad has made only four public speeches since the uprising began in March, but as in prior appearances, he made gestures of reform, including plans to hold

400

The estimated number of people killed in Syria, an average of 40 per day, since Arab League monitors arrived in the country Jan. 2, a top U.N. official said Tuesday. (AP)

a referendum in March on a new constitution.

Assad on Tuesday also denounced the Arab League, which

Meanwhile ...

The Obama administration on Tuesday harshly criticized President Bashar Assad's latest effort to defend his regime's crackdown on protesters, saying it illustrates how unfit he is to lead a democratic transition in Syria. "He throws responsibility on everybody but back on himself," State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland said in Washington. (AP)

sent a team of observers into Syria in late December to assess whether the regime is abiding by an Arab-brokered peace plan that the regime agreed to on Dec. 19.

New deaths were reported Tuesday, with activists saying security forces killed at least 10 people in the eastern city of Deir el-Zour.

The conflict in Syria is entering new and increasingly militant phases, and the regime has intensified an already deadly military assault. The U.N. estimates that more than 5,000 have been killed since March. BASSEM MROUE AND ELIZABETH A. KENNEDY (AP)



A Less-United Kingdom? Breaking up is supposed to be hard to do — but Britain confirmed Tuesday it would offer Scotland the powers it needs to sever centuries-old ties to England. Prime Minister David Cameron's government said it would sweep away legal hurdles to allow the Scots a vote on whether they should gain independence by overturning the 18th Century Act of Union, which united Scotland with England to create Great Britain. (AP)

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High Court Escalates Political Unrest in Pakistan

Islamabad

Pakistan's top court said Tuesday it could dismiss the prime minister unless he begins corruption proceedings against the president, opening another front against a government already under pressure from the army.

The political turmoil comes as the country is struggling with economic and security challenges, and a deteriorating relationship with the U.S., which believes Islam-



Villagers survey the site of a car bombing near Peshawar, Pakistan, that left at least 30 people dead on Tuesday.

abad's help will be crucial in ending the war in Afghanistan.

The Supreme Court conflict has been brewing since 2009, when judges struck down an amnesty protecting President Asif Ali Zardari and hundreds of other politicians from prosecution on graft and other charges, and ordered cases against them reopened.

Still, it is unclear whether the court has the appetite to dismiss a democratically elected government, despite its rhetoric. (AP)

HISTORY

Message in a Drawer

For 67 years, a message remained hidden in a secret drawer of a desk that belonged to France's 18th century King Louis XV. Restorers in France on Tuesday released the letter about the desk's restoration during World War II, written by the man who last restored the desk. (AP)



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Attacks in Iraq Leave 10 Dead

Baghdad

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Several of the Tuesday attacks struck predominantly Sunni areas north of Baghdad, though an evening blast in the capital appeared to target Shiite pilgrims.

The violence followed deadly blasts the day before, and pushed to more than 100 the number of Iraqis killed in less than a week. Many attacks targeted Iraq's Shiite majority, raising fears of a serious outbreak of sectarian violence after U.S. troops left last month. (AP)

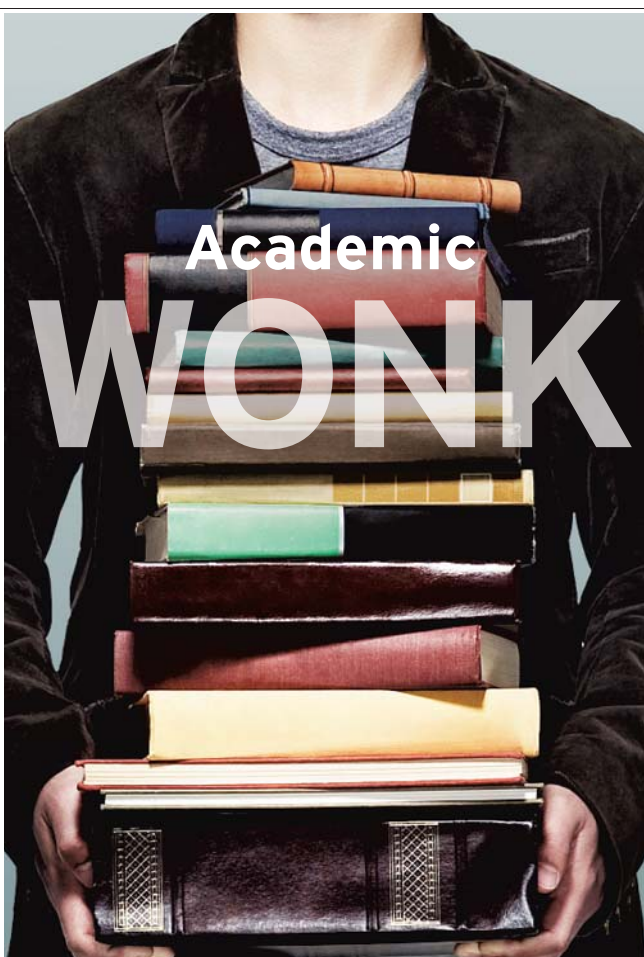
Cover-Up Compliance in India



SANJAY SONKAR/AP

WORKERS DRAPE SHEETS over statues at a park in Lucknow, India, on Tuesday, after officials ordered the icons hidden, as they are also a symbol of a party vying in next month's state election in Uttar Pradesh. The display, which was built using public money, violates election rules, officials said.

4,123 The number of dissidents arrested in Cuba in 2011, a top Cuban rights activist said in a report Tuesday, nearly double 2010's 2,074 arrests. Most arrests lasted "several hours or days," the report said. (AP)



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Fare Plan Irritates Riders

Cash-strapped Metro will weigh price increases for most trips

Washington

Metro plans to hire more than 1,000 employees under a budget proposed by General Manager Richard Sarles for next fiscal year that would raise bus and rail fares and parking rates.

Dan Stessel, Metro's chief spokesman, said Tuesday that he did not have an estimate of how much the new positions would cost in additional salaries and benefits.

60

The number of escalator technicians that General Manager Richard Sarles is proposing to hire for the fiscal year starting July 1. (TWP)

The hires would increase Metro's total number of employees by almost 9 percent, from 11,319 to 12,332.

The jobs would be included in Metro's next operating budget, which Sarles plans to present to the board of directors on Thursday. Stessel said the price tag for the new hires would be part of the presentation.

The fare increases are intended to help fill a \$116 million shortfall in the \$1.6 billion budget. Increases would hit almost all areas, including bus and rail fares; parking rates; and MetroAccess.

The actual amount of increases would vary by trip, with base rail fares rising from \$1.60 to \$1.70 and bus fares going from \$1.50 to \$1.60. Rail riders who use paper farecards would pay one-way flat fares: \$6 during rush hour, \$4 in off-peak times. Day passes would

Proposed Changes

Metro's last fare increase was two years ago, and it was the broadest in the transit system's history. General Manager Richard Sarles' proposed budget would increase rail fares in rush-hour periods by an average of less than 5 percent for those using SmarTrip cards, according to Metro. The new fare structure would eliminate the "peak-of-the-peak" rate that was added in 2010, in which passengers pay a surcharge for riding the subway during the busiest weekday periods, and simplify fares to two types: off-peak and peak. Any changes in rates would go before public hearings in late February and March, and the board would have to vote on a final budget. Most rate changes would go into effect July 1. (TWP)



Hot Topic

Commenters at washingtonpost.com weighed in on Metro's proposed fare increases:

"How long does it take Macy's or Nordstrom's to fix an escalator? That's a rhetorical question."

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"Despite all the problems with Metro service, I'd swallow higher fares as opposed to cuts in service (the main other option on the table)."

--MATTHEW_LAWLOR

be eliminated.

Many riders traveling on Metro on Tuesday said they were adamantly opposed to the fare increases Sarles has proposed, arguing that the transit authority does not deserve more money from customers until it improves the service it offers.

Riders complained of constant delays, security problems and broken escalators.

Angela Madison, who lives in Largo and travels on the Blue Line, said her first reaction to the proposal was one of disgust.

"More money, really?" she said. "What I would like is for someone to show us some books. Where is the money going? I don't see any improvements."

As Richard Green waited at the Largo Town Center station for a vending machine to issue a paper farecard, he said the current fares are "good enough."

Green said Metro needs to improve security at stations before it asks customers for more.

"If they did something about security, maybe I could go along with this," the Upper Marlboro, Md., resident said. "I understand it takes a lot to run this [system], but customers are pumping a lot of money in already."

Metro officials said Tuesday that 32 percent of trips made during peak periods under the proposed rates would cost the same or less than they do now.

But the majority of riders would see increases.

Janet Myers, who has been a Metro customer for 20 years and rides from her home in Maryland to McPherson Square, said she hopes there are no increases.

"I'm not happy, not at all," she said. "People are poor. We're struggling. I haven't had a raise in three years, so why should I pay more?"

DANA HEDGPETH AND OVETTA WIGGINS
(THE WASHINGTON POST)

Planned Fare Changes

	Current base fare	Proposed base fare	Extra cost over 240 round trips
Metro rail			
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Maximum off-peak	\$2.75	\$3.50	+\$360
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to 9 a.m. and from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on weekdays, or about half of Metro's rush-hour service.

This was basically the 9-to-5 workers, the sort of people who answer to their bosses on work hours and not to the transit authority.



By Robert Thomson

These are people who let several morning trains pass by because they're too crowded, then hurl themselves through the doors of the first one that has a chance of accommodating them.

If that wasn't enough to push them out of the rat race, a surcharge of 20 cents a trip wasn't going to do it either. So people stuck with their work and transit schedules.

But there were plenty of people who simply didn't care about the surcharge. Many federal workers get a significant taxpayer subsidy to ride transit. We tend to be more tolerant of rising costs when we're not spending our own money.

Riders began paying the peak-of-the-peak rate in the summer of 2010. Before the Metro board voted to approve the fare increases, it went to the public with seemingly endless menus of options involving various fare increases and service cuts.

Public interest focused largely on avoiding the service cuts. The peak-of-the-peak charge slipped in with relatively little discussion, given that it was an experiment with a completely new type of fare for Metro.

By comparison, Sarles' proposal for the coming year looks quite simple — unless the board decides to once again expand the menu. This time, riders should make sure their attention isn't diverted. The end of the peak-of-the-peak fare is likely to be the most popular element in the new budget.

Peak of the Pique

One of the most popular ideas in U.S. transportation is congestion pricing. One of the least popular ideas among Metrorail commuters is the peak-of-the-peak fare. They were supposed to be the same thing. It turned out that a good idea in one context didn't look quite so good in another, and Metro GM Richard Sarles will propose elimination of the peak-of-the-peak charge.

Congestion pricing creates a financial incentive to avoid a highway or a train when they are likely to be most crowded.

That's the idea in traffic. In transit, the idea was that riders would learn to time their trips so that they arrived at stations before or after the peak-of-the-peak rate took effect.

It didn't happen in significant numbers, says Carol Kissal, Metro's chief financial officer. Meanwhile,

it became yet another way to baffle tourists who had to deal with yet another layer of complexity on the Metrorail fare charts.

You've seen them: They stare at the fare charts on the vending machines like we had ordered them to read "War and Peace" outdoors.

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Expect Delays: At its Thursday meeting of the customer service and operations committee of its board of directors, Metro officials will outline their plans to work on the rail system and for repairs to elevators and escalators for the rest of the year. The projects are already funded in the fiscal 2012 capital program, which is expected to hit \$917 million. Metro officials said the changes to service are meant to "improve service reliability." (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Issa Presses for Occupy Answers

Calif. congressman blasts Park Service again over protesters

Washington

A powerful Republican congressman is skirmishing again with the National Park Service over the Occupy D.C. protesters who have been camping out in McPherson Square since Oct. 1.

Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., the chairman of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, which oversees the District, said in a letter to Interior Secretary Ken Salazar on Tuesday that the Park Service had been “unresponsive” to the “overwhelming majority” of the committee’s requests for information regarding the ongoing protest at the federally owned park.

Issa is seeking records of all communications among the Park Service, the Interior Department and the White House, and the D.C.



Rep. Darrell Issa says the Park Service has been unresponsive to his requests for info.

Backstory

Rep. Darrell Issa’s committee launched an investigation last month into whether the Occupy protesters are camping on federal parkland illegally and has asked the Park Service for a number of materials, including a written explanation of the difference between a “24-hour vigil” and camping out. (TWP)



government and the protesters themselves. The committee also wants to know whether the Park Service plans to stop protesters from camping in the square.

In a letter to Issa dated Friday, Peggy O’Dell, the deputy director of operations for the Park Service, wrote that Americans’ right to demonstrate on federal land in the nation’s capital was supported by case law dating back decades.

U.S. Park Police monitor the camps around the clock and had made 61 arrests so far, for such offenses as assault, threat and disorderly conduct.

Adam Fetcher, a spokesman for Salazar, said Tuesday that the department had provided a “thorough” response to the chairman’s letter, which detailed the “firm commitment” of the Park Service to protect their resources and enforce laws “while respecting Americans’ First Amendment rights.”

ANNIE GOWEN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

In Brief

WASHINGTON

Eisenhowers Ask to Halt D.C. Memorial Planning

President Dwight D. Eisenhower’s family wants to halt the planning of a memorial honoring the 34th president because they object to the design. The family says architect Frank Gehry’s concept overemphasizes “Ike’s” humble Kansas roots and neglects to show his many accomplishments during World War II and his time at the White House. (AP)

WASHINGTON

D.C. Council to Consider Gay Divorce Legislation

The D.C. Council is considering legislation to make it easier for gay couples who marry in the nation’s capital to get divorced. The bill would let couples who married in Washington get divorced even if they no longer live in the District, provided they live somewhere that would not recognize their divorce. Under current law, one member of the divorcing couple has to live in D.C. for six months before starting divorce proceedings. (AP)

The Lotteries

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Evening DC 4 (Mon.)..... 8-2-3-1
Mid-day D.C. Five..... 5-8-2-2-8
Evening D.C. Five (Mon.)..... 4-0-7-0-8

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Mid-day Pick 3..... 3-3-6
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)..... 2-4-7
Mid-day Pick 4..... 7-1-0-0
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Sports

In Brief



Hue Jackson took the Raiders to an 8-8 record in his one season as head coach.

PRO FOOTBALL

Raiders Fire Jackson 4 Days After GM Hiring

The Oakland Raiders fired coach Hue Jackson on Tuesday after just one season at the helm in the first major move since Reggie McKenzie was hired as general manager. The decision to get rid of Jackson came four days after the team announced the hiring of McKenzie as the team's first general manager since the death of longtime owner Al Davis in October. (AP)

PRO FOOTBALL

Packers Coordinator's Son's Body Recovered

Police say they have recovered the son of Green Bay Packers offensive coordinator Joe Philbin from an icy Wisconsin River. Twenty-one-year-old Michael Philbin disappeared early Sunday morning while out with friends in Oshkosh. Divers recovered his body from the Fox River near the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh campus on Monday. (AP)

PRO BASEBALL

Source: Selig to Receive Contract Extension Offer

Baseball owners say Commissioner Bud Selig will be offered a contract extension at this week's meetings in Phoenix. ESPN.com first reported that Selig will be offered an additional term when owners meet Wednesday and Thursday in Scottsdale, Ariz. Two owners, speaking on condition of anonymity so as not to attract criticism from Selig, told The Associated Press on Tuesday that a new term will be proposed. (AP)



Tomas Vokoun of the Washington Capitals takes a water break in the second period of a loss to the San Jose Sharks Saturday.

Cold Dose Of Reality

Ahead of rivalry game against Pens, Capitals still can't find consistent play

The Capitals

It wasn't any particular goal, turnover or odd-man rush that the Capitals allowed Monday night in their 5-2 loss to the Los Angeles Kings that bothered the players the most. They all stung to a certain degree.

The way Washington sputtered and was out-worked en route to a second-straight loss so recently after it won four in a row, however, was the lasting impression of that particular contest.

Wednesday's game against Pittsburgh marks the halfway point

of the season for the Capitals, and they will enter that game looking for consistency yet again.

"The frustrating part is we put three, four great games together and played the way we're capable of playing," Dennis Wideman said after the loss to the Kings.

"It's like we take a big breath or something, and all of a sudden we turn around and we're not playing the way we're capable of. We lose two and we're back to where we were."

Matt Hendricks didn't necessarily think that the Capitals let up as much as they simply didn't play as

well as they could in Los Angeles. The problem is, that has been too frequent an occurrence.

"I just don't think we gave it our best stuff tonight," Hendricks said. "It's disappointing we're looking at the standings right now with games in hand on Florida. ...We have these chances to win these games. To not do it is tough."



The maddening part of the pattern the Capitals have established is that no matter how well they play or for how many games the success continues, it is followed up by a contest or two where they lose track of basic tenets of their

"It's like we take a big breath or something, and all of a sudden we turn around and we're not playing the way we're capable of. We lose two and we're back to where we were."

— DENNIS WIDEMAN, SPEAKING AFTER MONDAY'S 5-2 LOSS TO THE KINGS ON THE ROAD.



Meanwhile ...

When the Kings' Jack Johnson rifled a one-timer past Tomas Vokoun to put Los Angeles up 3-1 in the eventual 5-2 Capitals loss, but it was the defenseman's celebration that drew all the attention. As Johnson turned up ice, he "Tebowed" along the half-board wall. "I was watching the Broncos' game with some buddies that flew in from Michigan, and they said, 'If you score, you have to 'Tebow,'" Johnson said. "I said, 'You're on.'" The Capitals let him know that they weren't particularly thrilled by his celebration. "I understand he's just trying to be funny, but, still, it's kind of a stupid celebration," Karl Alzner said. (TWP)

game and wind up being soundly defeated.

"Those four games we played so well," Wideman said. "We worked hard, we got pucks out, we got pucks in, we came back hard, D didn't turn anything over. And then two games here where we play San Jose — a great team — sloppy. And L.A. — a team that's been struggling to score some goals — then we gave them the first two goals. We just can't do that. We can't just give teams goals like we did."

While the Capitals may not be back to square one necessarily, the momentum from the losing streak is decidedly in the past. This pair of losses in California offers a reminder that there are plenty of improvements yet to be made.

KATIE CARRERA (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Source: Baylor QB Griffin Set For NFL Draft

College Football

High-profile college football underclassmen seem to be foregoing the lures of the NFL draft to return to school at a record pace this year.

But Baylor junior quarterback Robert Griffin III is intent on making sure Andrew Luck won't be the only quarterback selected early in the upcoming draft.



Griffin

The Heisman Trophy winner informed Bears coach Art Briles Wednesday of his decision to enter the draft, as reported by ESPN's Chris Mortensen, who quoted a family source.

Griffin completed more than 72 percent of his passes this season, throwing for 4,293 yards and 37 touchdowns to lead the Bears to a 10-3 record and their first bowl victory in 19 years. The fourth-year junior rushed for 699 yards and 10 touchdowns this season and set dozens of school records.

MATT BROOKS (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Saban's 'Special' Tide Rolls In

Championship coach acknowledges that this title was sweeter

College Football

Nick Saban rolled out of bed without time even for his daily dose of the Weather Channel with wife, Terry.

The business of celebrating Alabama's second national championship in three years disrupted the morning routine for a coach who makes a habit of, well, habits. He didn't seem to mind.

"I couldn't get people out of my room until 3," Saban said at Tuesday's morning-after news conference. "I haven't been up till 3 for a long time. I actually got up just in time to get here, so we missed [the Weather Channel] today."

When it comes to another habit — winning championships — the forecast for Alabama remains sunny.

The 60-year-old Saban took the time to praise his team's execution — of the celebratory dousing after a dominant 21-0 win over LSU. He made it clear he still has the passion to stick around.



Nick Saban celebrates after Alabama won the BCS championship over LSU Monday.

Disputed Champion

Alabama's dominant victory in the BCS championship wasn't enough to convince all 60 AP college football poll voters that the Crimson Tide is No. 1. Four members of the media panel had Oklahoma State at No. 1, and one voted LSU No. 1. Alabama (12-1) was an overwhelming No. 1 in the final Top 25, with 55 votes. LSU (13-1) finished second, and Oklahoma State (12-1) was third. (AP)

Saban acknowledged he might have savored this one a little more, as evidenced by his unrestrained smiles after the game.

"To be honest with you, I think I maybe did," he said. "This team was a special team — not that the 2009 team was any different," Saban said.

"And certainly an honor and a privilege to be with a group that made the kind of commitment that you look for from a competitive character standpoint and intangibles that you always strive to try to get as a coach."

"It was a really special group."

JOHN ZENOR (AP)

TV Lineup

TERPS HOOPS (7 P.M., CSN+)

Mark Turgeon's team tries to regroup against Wake Forest at home after losing their ACC opener Sunday.

COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M., 9 P.M. ESPN2)

No. 1-ranked Syracuse heads to Philadelphia to take on Villanova. In the late game, Texas A&M heads to Texas for an in-state rivalry battle.

NBA HOOPS (8 P.M., 10:30 P.M., ESPN)

The defending-champion Mavericks tip off in Boston against the Celtics, and after that, two of the NBA's glitziest teams square off when the Heat travels to L.A. to play the Clippers.

WIZARDS (8 P.M., CSN) The Wiz kids travel to face the comparably youthful — but far more successful — Bulls.

Saunders to Wall: Focus on the Future

Wizards head coach does best to keep PG up during tough run

The Wizards

Before John Wall lets this season slip out of his grasp like a careless pass on a fast break, Wizards coach Flip Saunders met with his second-year point guard on Monday to implore him not to focus on the problems or pressures of the present and think about the next steps of his career.

"It's not where we've been; it's where we're going. This is a great opportunity for you to establish your

legacy and where you're going with it," Saunders said he told Wall.

Wall is having an admittedly difficult start to his second season. His production is down from last season, averaging just 14.4 points on 35.1 percent shooting with 6.8 rebounds and 3.9 turnovers. He also ranks 178th in player efficiency rating — just ahead of Gordon Hayward and Renaldo Balkman and about nine spots below Evan Turner, the No. 2 pick in the 2010 draft.

Wall has struggled playing with a supporting cast that can't shoot but also a desire to do too much in response, which contributes to some out-of-control play at



Going into Tuesday's game, Wizards' guard Wall averaged 14.4 points a game.

times. After the Wizards lost their eighth game in a row to Minnesota on Sunday in a display of selfish one-on-one play, Wall sound-

ed helpless to the struggles on the team, which is shooting just 39.7 percent and ranks 30th in offensive rating and assists.

"I just try to be the point guard, try to lead people out there on the floor and get everybody involved," Wall said. "That's my role — you know what I mean. You find guys when they are open, and you don't turn them down when they are open. Then whatever they do after that when they got the ball, it's up to the person that's got it."

MICHAEL LEE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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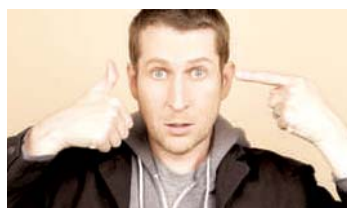
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Wish Fulfillment

Lindsay Lohan might play Elizabeth Taylor in a Lifetime movie **31**

Inside Jokes



It's for Comedy

When IFC changed its slogan to "Always On. Slightly Off." in 2010, it signaled the network's transition from movie channel to home of quirky, underappreciated comedy series. IFC started by building programming blocks around reruns of "Mr. Show," "Arrested Development" and "Freaks and Geeks," and last year began



By Rudi Greenberg

introducing original comedies. The sketch show "Portlandia" is its only hit, but IFC remains committed to eccentric comedy.

On Monday, it announced two new series set to debut in June. "Bunk," hosted by stand-up Kurt Braunohler, is described as an absurdist game show in which improv comics compete for unusual prizes.

The other series, "Comedy Bang Bang," brings former "Mr. Show" writer Scott Aukerman's weekly podcast to television. Aukerman, above, has compared the series to David Letterman's 1980 morning show, which was more variety showcase than talk show.

Aukerman's podcast, one of my favorites, begins as a talk show but usually devolves into an improv experiment. For the series, the format will be aided by music from Reggie Watts, skits and animation. Successful or not, it will be unlike anything else on TV — exactly what IFC prides itself on.



For more of Rudi's thoughts, follow him on Twitter: @rudi_greenberg.

GUESS WHO'S BACK

Behold: a sampling of the familiar faces who could call 2012 a comeback year

In the world of entertainment, celebrities, trends and TV shows often transition from "in" list to "out" faster than their names can be tweeted with the hashtag #sofiveminutesago. But it's that fickleness that makes comebacks possible, allowing Tom Cruise to star in the No. 1 movie again or Britney Spears' pop star to shine after a bad tarnishing. Here are a few faces, film franchises and musicians that might make triumphant returns this year. JEN CHANEY (THE WASHINGTON POST)



Madonna

OK, so Madonna hasn't exactly gone away. Last year, she released a film, launched a second fashion line and captured attention on the Internet for dismissing hydrangeas during a Venice Film Festival news conference. But generally speaking, her name has surfaced more frequently because of the way Lady Gaga imitates her than because of anything new she has done. This year, that might change. She will release her first original studio album since 2008's "Hard Candy." And she will headline the Super Bowl half-time show, potentially turning the name "Madonna" and the phrase "wardrobe malfunction" into trending topics again.

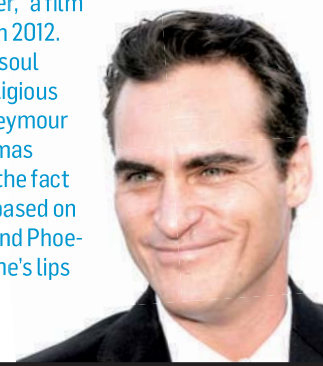
Hobbits



If there's anyone who makes geeks giddier than Batman, it's Bilbo Baggins. The trailer for "The Hobbit" — the prequel to the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy that arrives in theaters next December and stars Martin Freeman, left — was unveiled online last month just days after a new preview for "The Dark Knight Rises," and it was as if Gollum had snatched all of Bruce Wayne's "precioussss" thunder. Middle Earth will definitely make a comeback in 2012.

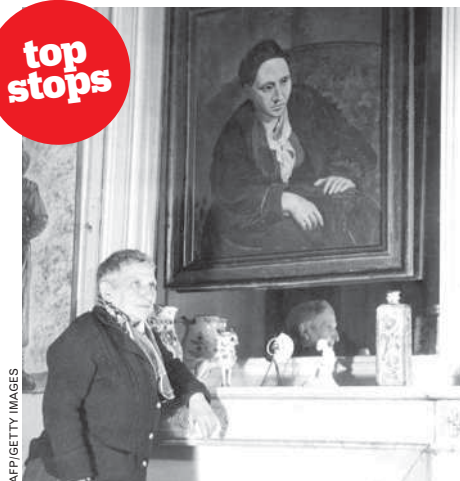
Joaquin Phoenix

This could be the year that we stop remembering Phoenix as the actor who went fake-crazy and made a weird mockumentary, and start thinking of him again as a fine actor who gets nominated for awards. That depends on the release date for "The Master," a film tentatively set to arrive in 2012. It stars Phoenix as a lost soul found by the head of a religious group, played by Philip Seymour Hoffman. With Paul Thomas Anderson directing, and the fact that the story is loosely based on Scientology, the film — and Phoenix — could be on everyone's lips come next Oscar season.



Artists Who Once Recorded "California Girls"

The Beach Boys — with both Brian Wilson and Mike Love on board — have announced a 50th-anniversary tour this year, to begin in April at JazzFest in New Orleans. And David Lee Roth, who once covered the Beach Boys' "California Girls" as a solo artist, will again assume the title of Van Halen frontman for another recently announced 2012 tour. Which band will be forced to cancel dates first after its members start arguing on the road? Start placing your bets.

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1 A Fine Stein

The "Seeing Gertrude Stein" exhibit at the National Portrait Gallery closes next week — but you can get more out of it with Linda Voris' help. Voris, a literature professor, will be giving a lecture tonight on Stein's creative work, which is often overshadowed by that of the artists and writers she mentored and befriended (such as Ernest Hemingway and Pablo Picasso). **Ripley Center, 1100 Jefferson Drive SW; 6:45 p.m., \$35; 202-633-3030, Residentassociates.org. (Smithsonian)**

2 Love, Actively

Commedia dell'arte's fast, funny, stereotype-driven style doesn't really scream "Romeo and Juliet." But Faction of Fools, those local standard-bearers of classical Italian comedy, have taken Shakespeare's sad tale and cut it down to an hour-long, five-actor piece that brings the hilarity to all that love and death. **Mead Theatre Lab at Flashpoint, 916 G St. NW; now through Feb. 4, \$10-\$25; Factionoffools.org. (Gallery Place)**

3 Down the Rabbit Hole

To promote the Washington Ballet's upcoming adaptation of "Alice in Wonderland," the Jete Society (a group filled with young, wealthy, philanthropic-minded people) is throwing a Mad Hatter's dance party at the Ritz-Carlton next week. And to promote THAT, it's throwing a happy hour tonight at the Mad Hatter, where drinks (beer, wine and rail) are \$4. We felt the need to add to the cycle by promoting said happy hour. **Mad Hatter, 1319 Connecticut Ave. NW; 6 p.m.- 9 p.m.; 202-362-3606, Washingtonballet.org. (Dupont Circle)**

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Ring the changes

While much ado has long surrounded the lunar New Year's Eve TV galas, Dec 31 is becoming another night when stars shine on the small screen, **Chen Nan** reports.

Clad in black leather pants and a blazer, Avril Lavigne strode onto the Jiangsu Satellite TV stage half an hour before 2012 began.

She raised her arms, pointed her finger in the air, and shouted to 10,000 fans, who screeched back at her. The pop-punk queen thanked them in gasps of Mandarin: "Xie xie (Thank you)! We love China!"

Hundreds of kilometers away, Faye Wong — draped in a red skirt-cape — performed her new song, *Wish*, for Hunan Satellite TV's New Year's Eve gala.

It was a far cry from Lavigne's set. The Asian pop diva, who is half-retired from showbiz, ushered in 2012 with Buddhist-style anthems.

And as the clock's minute hand approached the stroke of midnight, actress Zhang Ziyi and actor Huang Xiaoming appeared at the gala of Shenzhen Satellite TV to raise awareness about kidnapped and street children. Zhang sang a romantic ballad before the end of the show, which attracted nearly 20,000 fans.

They were among the hundreds of international stars who joined the New Year Eve galas, or *kua nian wan hui*, across the country on 2011's final day.

Watching CCTV's Spring Festival gala has long been a lunar New Year ritual for hundreds of millions of mainland people. But audiences, especially youth, are tuning in to local TV stations for the Gregorian calendar's countdown to the New Year, as a growing number of stars take to the stage for these galas.

"New Year's Eve galas are a new trend for TV stations in China," says Zhang Lihua, of Hunan Satellite TV, which became the first local station to stage a New Year's Eve gala in 2005.

"The stars are TV stations' biggest selling points. A five-hour live show that gathers nearly all the big names from Hong Kong,



Stars from home and abroad gather for the New Year's countdown at Jiangsu Satellite TV's New Year's Eve gala.

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Taiwan, the mainland and other parts of the world is fun for audiences at the venue and TV viewers at home. A New Year's Eve countdown with the stars is very exciting and is also a new experience."

Zhang also points out the idea of *kua nian*, or the New Year's countdown, borrows from the end-of-the-year parties of Hong Kong and Taiwan, where the countdown is traditionally preceded by star performances.

In 2005, Hunan Satellite TV held the national *Supergirl* singing competition, which remains one of China's most popular televised talent extravaganzas. On Dec 31, 2005, the winners, including Li Yuchun, Jane Zhang and Zhou Bichang, performed at the New Year's Eve gala with other singers, including Hong Kong's David Tao and Taiwan's Will Pan.

The 4.5-hour show topped that year's national ratings. It has since become an annual event for the station.

There were 16 New Year's Eve galas on Chinese TV in December 2011, Zhang says. They cost a total of 500 million yuan (\$79.4 million).

"When I looked at the performer lists, it was really unbelievable," Zhang says.

"It really is a big competition for the TV stations and a festival for audiences."

TV stations tried to book the hottest acts of the year for their end-of-2011 galas.

These include folk singer Gong Linna, who became an instant sensation for the song composed by her German husband, *Tan Te*, or *Perturbed*; newlywed Hong Kong singer-actress Karen Mok; and Taiwan singer-actor Nicky Wu, who performed at three TV stations' Dec 31 galas. Wu's TV series, *Starling By Each Step*, is one of the most watched of 2011.

Hunan Satellite TV vice-supervisor Li Hao says the station spent more than six months communicating with Faye Wong's agency.

"We made the greatest effort ever to invite her," Li says.

Wong's 2011 comeback tour earned more than 100 million yuan (\$15.88 million) — more concert revenue than Lady Gaga, who, as Forbes magazine's "top earning female singer of 2011", rakes in \$90 million a year. Her concerts earned

\$13 million in 2011.

Although Li didn't confirm the rumor that the station paid 2 million yuan for Wong's 10-minute performance, he admits it was a lot of money.

Wong's performance, which was widely considered off-tune, sparked hot online debate.

"Good or bad, she was the night's most welcomed star," Li says.

"The fans want to see her. That's most important."

Singers-songwriters such as Jonathan Lee, Wakin Chau and Jolin Tsai turned the gala venues into massive karaoke bars with their classic songs.

Foreign gala performers are undertaking their China tours.

Lavigne will tour the country in February. Her song *Girlfriend* has been used as the opening song for the popular dating show *If You're the One* on Jiangsu Satellite TV.

International operatic pop quartet Il Divo will also stage concerts in China in 2012 and were invited by Jiangsu Satellite TV to close the Dec 31 gala.

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Eve gala were a warm-up for their 2012 China concerts," Li says.

Wei Ming, the manager of Live Nation China, who brought many international acts to China, says: "It's a win-win situation for the station and for the foreign singers."

For musicians, the thrill of playing to crowds who are perhaps seeing them for the first time can be intoxicating, Wei explains.

"Local TV stations are hungry for international stars, who help them increase ratings and ad sales," he says.

"Fans are willing to pay a lot for the tickets to see so many stars in one night."

The priciest New Year's Eve gala tickets went for 2,012 yuan (\$319) and sold out weeks ago.

Li Yi, a 25-year-old dancer from Hubei's provincial capital Wuhan, didn't mind shelling out that much cash to see the Jiangsu Satellite TV's gala. Neither did the four friends she went with.

"It's very exciting to watch such a star-studded show," Li Yi says.

"Although the tickets were expensive, we had a great time together, taking pictures and singing to the music. I think CCTV's lunar New Year gala is a time for family. But New Year's Eve is for friends," she continues.

"It feels very special on the last day of a year and the first day of a new year. You want to share and celebrate it with people you love."

Many who watched the galas on TV at home spent much of the night channel surfing.

"I was switching among TV stations," says Zhang Huicong, a 28-year-old advertisement design company's marketing director in Beijing.

"It's hard to watch just one gala because they all have different stars. The commercials are really annoying, and I believe the TV stations made bundles of money," he continues.

"I hope next year's gala is different. If TV stations continue to gather stars, I'll feel bored."



ZOU HONG / CHINA DAILY

Avril Lavigne is one of a few international stars to have performed at a New Year's Eve TV gala.



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Faye Wong performs for Hunan Satellite TV's New Year's Eve gala.



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An Understated Set of Covers

The Norah Jones-led Little Willies lack a spark on 'Good Times'

Album Review

There's surprisingly little difference between Norah Jones' solo albums and her work with country music side project the Little Willies, whose second covers disc drops today. Jones makes understated jazz albums with blues and country undertones; the Little Willies, whose members include her longtime collaborator Lee Alexander and singer Richard Julian, make understated country albums with blues and jazz undertones.

"Good Times" — which contains well-tended covers of songs popularized by Kris Kristofferson, Patsy Cline and band name-sake Willie Nelson — charms



Norah Jones, far right, heads an ace group of roots musicians in the Little Willies.

throughout. It's expertly played, flawlessly sung, nimbly curated and affectionately done. And yet, it has inherited the same sense of unearthly calm that anchors all of Jones' work, and while jazz albums thrive on that sort of brunch-tas-

tic gentility, it snuffs out almost any spark of life in these would-be rave-ups.

There are some standout tracks — a version of Nelson's transcendent "Permanently Lonely" sung by Julian, who sounds more like



Good Times
The Little Willies

Lyle Lovett than anyone who isn't actually Lyle Lovett, and Jones' smoke-filled barroom cover of Dolly Parton's "Jolene," a song so fundamentally great that probably no one has ever messed it up.

But some of the weaker originals get lost in translation: Loretta Lynn didn't sing the lay-offa-my-man anthem "Fist City" so much as she detonated it like a nuclear warhead. Jones can do almost anything, but she can't make lines like "If you don't wanna go to fist city you'd better detour 'round my town/'Cause I'll grab you by the hair of the head and I'll lift you off of the ground" sound convincing. ALLISON STEWART (THE WASHINGTON POST)

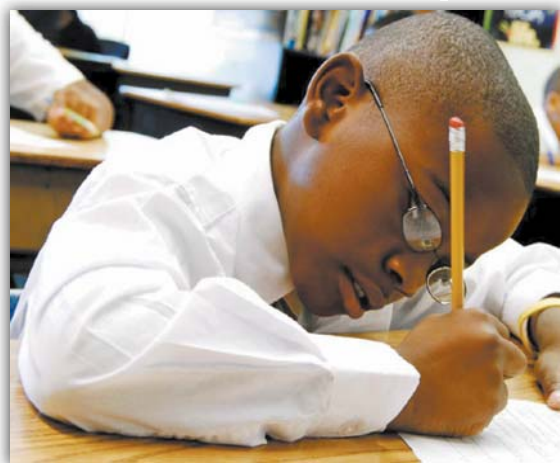


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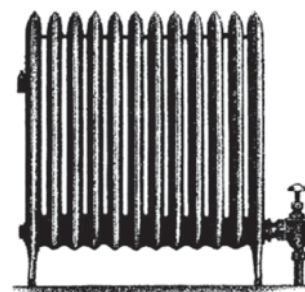
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Two Girls, No Jokes

A new sitcom based on Chelsea Handler's life couldn't be worse

Premieres

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Of all the ways to adapt the memoirs of a self-proclaimed promiscuous, alcoholic narcissist, a traditional three-camera, laugh-tracked sitcom was the worst choice.

Based on a best-selling book by aggressively vulgar talk show host Chelsea Handler, "Chelsea" stars Laura Prepon in the title role, one that threatens to erase our memories of her charming turn in "That '70s Show." She plays a sexually omnivorous waitress at a sports bar who oozes a confidence that she can



Chelsea Handler, right, plays sister to the titular Chelsea (Laura Prepon), left.

land any man she chooses.

A contrived pilot has her arrested for DUI and landing a cheap apartment with a goofy, virginal roommate, Dee Dee, whom Chelsea and her sour, skanky sidekick, Olivia, adopt as an amusing pet.

"Chelsea" is not the first comedy to showcase a promiscuous woman prone to saying outrageous, if not filthy, things. Patsy and Edina on "Absolutely Fabulous" and Karen on

"Will & Grace" come to mind. But those series had two ingredients lacking here: smart, witty dialogue and fearless physical comedy.

Chelsea's older, wiser, pregnant sister, Sloane, is played by Handler herself, an act of self-congratulation that's supposed to seem clever but comes off as arrogant. Then again, that could be said of this entire enterprise.

KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNIVERSAL UCLICK)

Best Bets

CW 8:00

One Tree Hill The premiere of the series' ninth and final season finds Brooke and Julian adjusting to life with their new children, while Nathan and Haley deal with similar matters. Elsewhere, Clay and Quinn face a mysterious problem.

NBC 9:00

Harry's Law From Lois Lane to Wonder Woman — there's a career move. Adam and Cassie represent a young vigilante ("Smallville's" Erica Durance, right) who dresses up as Wonder Woman to punish men who abuse women.



CBS 9:00



People's Choice Awards 2012 Kaley Cuoco, left, is the host, and Faith Hill and Demi Lovato are among the scheduled performers at this year's awards. Leading contenders include the movie "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part 2," with nine nominations, singer Katy Perry with seven and television's "Glee" with six.

SYFY 10:00

Face Off The competitive reality series set in the world of special effects and makeup artistry returns for Season 2, with 14 artists competing for their shot at makeup-effects stardom. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

Cameos



Undercover Agent

On "Suburgatory" (8:30 p.m., ABC), Tessa (Jane Levy), left, is assigned to show new kid Josh ("Cougar Town's" Dan Byrd), right, around at school. Lisa (Allie Grant) develops a major crush on Josh, but Tessa firmly believes he's gay. It turns out he does have a secret, but it isn't his sexuality: He's actually an undercover narcotics officer. Later, Tessa inadvertently gets Mr. Wolfe (Rex Lee) to make a special announcement. (TM)

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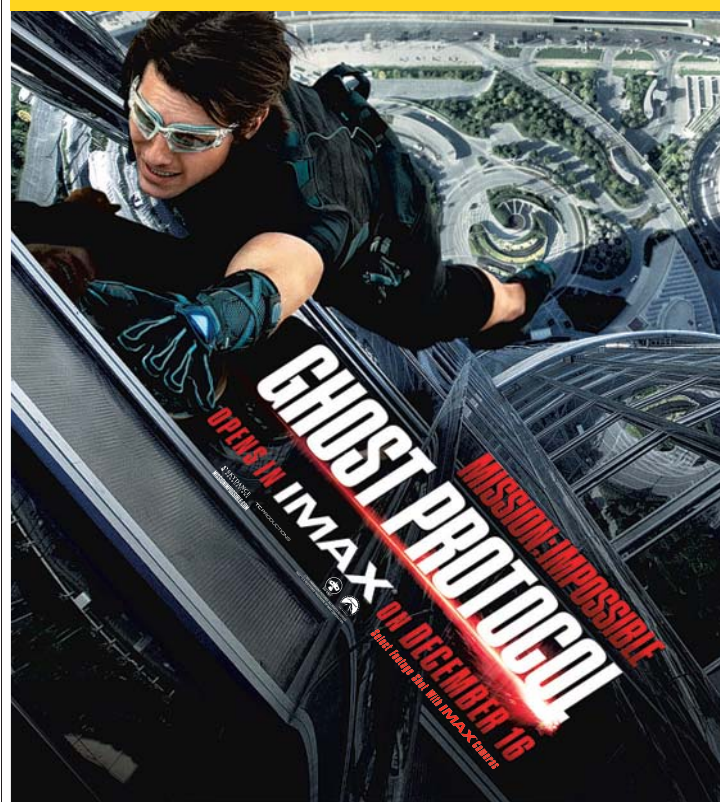
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WHEN: Feb. 11, March 31

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Walking the Himalayas

Climbers and hikers who prefer no roads or itineraries opt for this epic alternative

Adventures

In the shadow of Mount Everest and its magnetic lore, a cross-border route with a grand name, the Great Himalaya Trail, is being touted as an epic, untapped alternative to the bucket-list trek to base camp on the world's highest mountain.

Trekking this trail is an odyssey, not a routine vacation, and even promoters admit that it's more a theory or consumer product for an untested market than a continuous path. Instead, it's a web of paths, many unmapped and barely connecting, that meander east to west along the Himalayan range.

Granted, the Great Himalaya Trail lacks the history and utility of the Silk Road, the ancient trade network that linked Asia to Europe, or the cohesion and accessibility of the Appalachian Trail for hikers in the United States.

Instead, it is what trekkers and climbers make of it: a one-time hike through forests and grasslands at lower elevation, an assault on high passes that demand technical skill, or a periodic pilgrimage.

A Nepal-based campaign aims



A trekker sits by Birendra Lake on the Great Himalaya Trail, which runs through Nepal in 10 sections to be walked in a few weeks.

“Walking along the whole length of the Himalayas is not new. What is new is making a package out of this that can actually be promoted for tourism.”

— DAWA STEVEN SHERPA, A NEPALI WHO'S REACHED THE SUMMIT OF MOUNT EVEREST TWICE.

to transform the Great Himalaya Trail into a basket of options for adventurers who prefer itineraries without roads and teahouses. It says western districts like Dolpa, Humla and Mugu offer rich scenery and local culture that has little outside exposure.

Promoters have broken the Nepalese stretch into 10 sections that can each be walked in a few weeks. Dorendra Niraula, an official at Nepal's tourism ministry, hopes repeat visitors will trek parts of the trail over five or 10 years.

“We are in the initial stage of the project,” he said. “We are trying to diversify tourism.”

The goal is for people to “go to places they have not thought of going,” said Robin Boustead, an Australia-based trekker. Boustead belongs to a loose alliance of trekkers, tourism agencies, non-governmental groups and Nepalese officials who hope a more even spread of tourist revenue can help a poor, politically weak nation that emerged from civil war five years ago. CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA (AP)

DISCUSSIONS

Flight Crew

I just came back from a trip to Scandinavia. What is the best way to exchange our extra Swedish and Norwegians money that we came home with? Do you have suggestions of how to “cash out”? My husband took our leftover Euros to the Traveler's office and exchanged them for U.S. currency. There was a fee, I believe, but still. It wasn't an

inconsiderable amount. They took only bills and full euro coins, nothing in smaller currency, so I imagine it would work the same way for your krona and krone. There are several Traveler's offices in downtown Washington and at each of the airports.

Is it safe to travel to the area of Isla Navidad, Manzanillo, Mexico? I have not read any mention of this area's being safe or not for tourists. Is it a safe area to travel? Manzanillo is a toughie. The area is popular with drug cartels because of

its port, but Mexico security forces, including the army and navy, are visible forces there. Despite some major drug seizures, all reports say crime in Manzanillo is under control. So I say: Go, but with caution. Ask your hotel about the best places to walk, swim, etc., and take only official transportation.

I recently realized that the only way I'll get to experience a girls' weekend away is if I plan one for my friends. I'm thinking of a winter getaway. We're not skiers, but we could embrace some hiking or other outdoorsy stuff. We live

in Frederick, Germantown and Gettysburg, Pa., and I am looking for a place no more than a three-hour drive away. We probably can't afford something as nice as the Homestead, but other suggestions — similar or different — would be appreciated! Deep Creek Lake, Md., is one option. You could rent a little house there or find something at Wispresort.com. It's a really lovely area.

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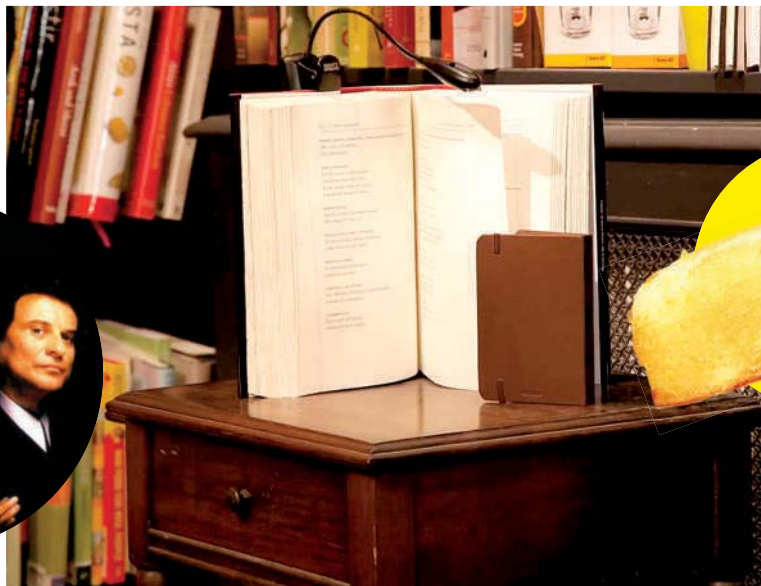
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Blog Log



“MAYBE this will work if the show features an entirely different cast of characters, since there’s no way they’ll be able to find actors who’ll make us forget about [Ray] Liotta, [Robert] De Niro or [Joe] Pesci, but even then, this will likely be a disaster.”

— A commenter at [NYMAG.COM](#)’s Vulture blog doesn’t think that a new version of “Goodfellas” that AMC is reportedly developing for TV will come close to the 1990 classic.

“I cannot even fathom the amount of work that went into this stop-motion video. Un-shelving, re-shelving, resetting the store the next morning, starting all over again at night... Still, this video is magical.”

— [BLOG.MORETHANTHIS.NET](#) was blown away by a stop-motion animation YouTube film titled “The Joy Of Books” that was created by Type bookstore in Toronto and filmed on location at the store.

“During [Monday]’s game, ESPN announcer Brent Musburger referred to ‘The Honey Badger’ literally fourteen times in under 3 hours. Think 14 mentions is too many? Brent Musburger don’t [care].”

— Dan Hopper at [BESTWEEKEVER.TV](#) thought the broadcaster went overboard during the BCS national championship game between Alabama and LSU, whose player Tyrann Mathieu is nicknamed “the Honeybadger.”

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— Drew Bowling at [WEBPRONEWS.COM](#) reacts news that Hostess Brands will file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

“[Lupe Fiasco] announced that he has a collaboration album on the way will Skateboard P, which has got me shivering with excitement. Whether this will include the Child Rebel Soldier (CRS) mantra or will be a totally new project, it is yet to be known, but it’s damn exciting news. As you can tell, I’m very excited.”

— [THEBLUMILE.COM](#) is chomping at the bit over of Fiasco’s possibly linking up with Pharrell Williams, right, to create another album after they formed CRS with Kanye West.

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Today may be the day to mention that which you have not wanted to mention in the past. The reasons outweigh the risks at this time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You are building something that can stand for quite some time. You can make short work of a problem that's plaguing another.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You must make certain changes in order to maximize productivity and efficiency. One person in particular may object.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You are likely to object to the way someone else does things. Rather than put up a fight, you can demonstrate how your way is better.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may have two pieces of conflicting business to tend to today, and for that reason your schedule may be difficult to arrange.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may be considering a move that will take others by surprise — but you mustn't let others in on the secret just yet.

LEO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Someone you know well wants to make a casual arrangement something more official. You'll want to be sure to read the fine print.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) One good turn deserves another, and you'll know that when it is your turn, you can do something that will be long remembered.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Someone who works closely with you may be misunderstanding your motives and your methods at this time. Tread lightly; watch for obstacles.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You can offer up some information that makes things much clearer for those who would otherwise make troublesome assumptions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You may have trouble putting two and two together for a time, but a friend provides information that is the key to the mystery.

Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 155-165, BEST SCORE 237

A ₁	I ₁	O ₁	W ₄	V ₄	S ₁	D ₂

Triple Word Score

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 RACK 1

A ₁	I ₁	O ₁	U ₁	C ₃	V ₄	B ₃

1st Letter Double

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 RACK 2

I ₁	O ₁	O ₁	G ₂	T ₁	H ₄	D ₂

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 RACK 3

A ₁	I ₁	U ₁	D ₂	L ₁	Q ₁₀	S ₁

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 RACK 4

Yesterday's Solution

A ₁	R ₁	C ₃	H ₄	E ₁	R ₁	Y ₄	RACK 1 =	95
O ₁	S ₁	M ₃	I ₁	U ₁	M ₃		RACK 2 =	10
E ₁	M ₃	U ₁	L ₁	A ₁	T ₁	E ₁	RACK 3 =	59
F ₄	L ₁	A ₁	S ₁	H ₄	E ₁	R ₁	RACK 4 =	64
PAR SCORE 145-155								TOTAL
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Yesterday's Solution

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Forecast



Today: Rain beginning today. Rain this evening.



Tomorrow: Partly sunny and not as cool tomorrow. A shower tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead



FRI 46 | 27 **SAT** 40 | 25 **SUN** 40 | 27

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today: 7:27 a.m.
Sunset today: 5:05 p.m.
Moonrise today: 8:00 p.m.
Moonset today: 8:39 a.m.

Almanac

Normal high: 43
Record high: 70
Normal low: 29
Record low: -3

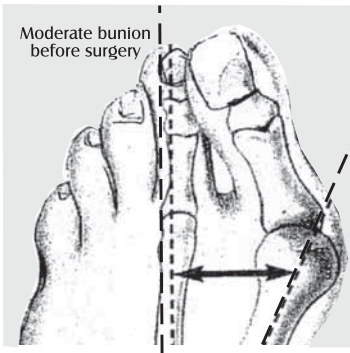
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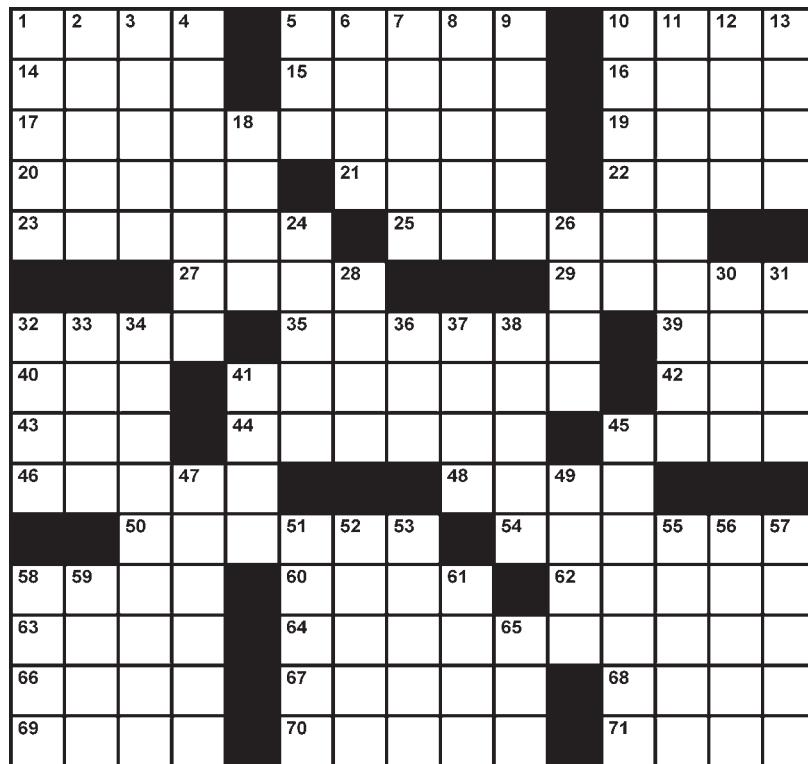
PAR FOR THE COURSE

ACROSS

- Buddhist monk
- Rolling Stones hit song
- Ill-gotten gains
- Mary Kay rival
- Duke and earl, for two
- Stair-climbing aid
- Symbol of a small town
- Last word in Gilligan's theme
- Debate subject
- Sand pile
- Mythological river of the underworld
- Dress code concern
- Read carefully
- Bulletin board affixer
- Aligns in harmony
- Bohemian
- Short-straw drawers
- Syndicate head
- Brazilian getaway city
- It gets a lift in the pit
- Large Australian fowl
- "Star Wars" prologue word
- Unlisted ones
- Rugged rock
- Cotton sheets
- ___ no good (scheming)
- Jenny's cry
- Destroys sensitive documents, in a way
- Civil rights pioneer Parks
- Asian sashes
- Like wet cement
- "Dukes of Hazzard" deputy
- "Give it the old ___"
- Topmost position
- Iris layers
- Justice's garb
- Come face-to-face with
- Marsh growth
- 1974 Gould-Sutherland CIA spoof

DOWN

- Female monster
- Cry from Captain Ahab
- Like a good cake
- Fixed payment
- Bright, as a pupil
- Uncool bookworm
- Command to a horse
- Ryan of "The Beverly Hillbillies"
- Fragrant compound
- Excessively prim and proper
- Cockney, e.g.
- Easter flower
- Show off one's biceps
- "... ___, whatever will be, will be"
- Standing ovation, e.g.
- Mir Launcher
- Ex-mayor of NYC
- Unresponsive state

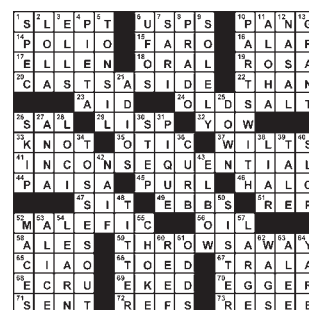


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- Like a bug in a rug?
- ___ League (Middle Eastern group)
- Capital in the Baltics
- Mouthwatering
- Word before "I told you so!"
- Color of raw silk
- Coarse metal files
- Ascended
- Convenience store locations, often
- Little girl's play dishes
- Ruffian
- Magician's word
- Higher ranking than
- ___ away the hours
- Prevent, in legalese
- Kentucky event

- Eyelid ailments
- About 500 sheets of paper
- ___-over (quick look)
- Heap of waste coal
- 180 degrees from WNW

Yesterday's Solution



Today in History

1759 The first American life insurance corporation, for "poor and distressed" Presbyterian ministers and their widows and children, is chartered in Philadelphia.

1805 The Michigan Territory is created by an act of Congress.

1964 U.S. Surgeon General Luther Terry issues the first government report that said smoking may be hazardous to one's health.

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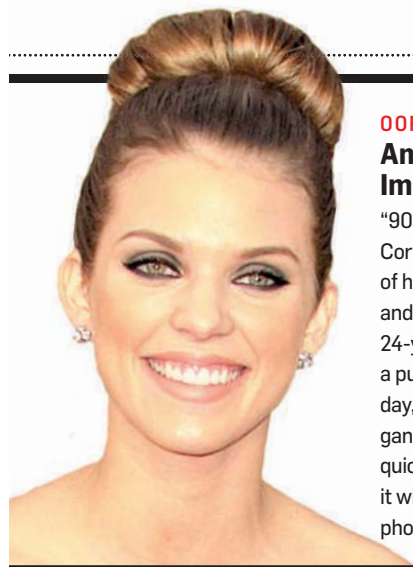
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**OOPS!****Anthony Weiner Calls for Immediate Resignation**

"90210" actress AnnaLynne McCord accidentally tweeted a picture of herself modeling a necklace — and nothing else, E! reports. The 24-year-old sent the naked photo in a public message to a fan on Thursday, writing: "This is for you @meganaee You rock! Xxx A." McCord quickly deleted the tweet, replacing it with cropped version of the original photo. (EXPRESS)

ACCUSATIONS**Aging Star Tried to Post Ad On Craigslist, Got Confused**

Actress Kim Novak, who starred in Alfred Hitchcock's "Vertigo," took out an ad in Variety Monday to "report a rape." She elaborated in a statement, saying, "I feel as if my body — or at least, my body of work — has been violated by the movie, 'The Artist.'" Novak is unhappy that the film used parts of Bernard Hermann's "Vertigo" score, calling it "cheating." (EXPRESS)



After careful study, we have surmised that this is not, in fact, Jane Fonda.

Victims**Hey, Art, Stop All That Imitating Life**

"Law & Order: Special Victims Unit" actress Tamara Tunie spoke out Tuesday about being a real-life crime victim, saying her former business manager exploited her trust to steal more than \$1 million she earned. Tunie called Joseph Cilibrasi a "menace to society" as he was sentenced to 21/2 to 71/2 years in prison. (AP)



GETTY IMAGES

CASTING**Taming Of the Shrew**

Lindsay Lohan, who recently emulated Marilyn Monroe in her Playboy cover shoot, might soon take on another screen legend: Elizabeth Taylor. The 25-year-old actress is in talks with Lifetime to star in the network's original film "Elizabeth & Richard: A Love Story," according to Deadline.com. The film, which chronicles Taylor's romance with actor Richard Burton, has been in the works since 2011. (EXPRESS)

**FOR SALE****Liquid Offers Protection From Psychiatrists**

Water that Tom Cruise swam in with his wife, Katie Holmes, and their daughter Suri while in Miami is being sold on eBay, according to Radaronline.com. The seller is hawking a 4-ounce glass bottle, above, containing water from the Miami pool. "The bottle is hand painted and shows a cross to mimic the effect of a bottle of Holy Water," the seller boasts. (EXPRESS)

"I don't want to start singing about things like sex, drugs and swearing."

— JUSTIN BIEBER, WHO TURNS 18 IN THREE MONTHS, EXPLAINS TO V MAGAZINE THAT HE DOESN'T WANT TO GROW UP TOO FAST.

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